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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants RETO HUGLI ET AL. Confirmation No.: 5699
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 17, 2004
having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire
June 17, 2004, which has been extended for two months so as to
expire on August 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified
application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which beings on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.